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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yoshitaka Masutani et al.

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Art Unit: 3737

Serial No.: 10/626,320

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Examiner: Jasani, Ashish S.

Filed: July 24, 2003

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For: FIBER RENDERING
APPARATUS

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Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is:

Amendment (11 pgs.), in response to Office Action dated August 28, 2006
Transmittal Form (3 pgs.), in duplicate
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STATUS

2. Applicant

claims small entity status.

is other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

| Extension for response within: | Other than small entity Fee | Small entity Fee (if applicable) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| first month | \$ 120.00 | \$ 60.00 |
| second month | \$ 450.00 | \$ 225.00 |
| third month | \$ 1,020.00 | \$ 510.00 |
| fourth month | \$1,590.00 | \$ 795.00 |
| fifth month | \$2,160.00 | \$1,080.00 |

Fee: \$

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

— An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

| (Col. 1) | | (Col. 2) | | (Col. 3) | | SMALL ENTITY | | OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY | |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|------------------|--|----------------------------|----|----------------------------|--|
| CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | | PRESENT EXTRA | | ADDITIONAL RATE FEE | | ADDITIONAL RATE FEE | |
| TOTAL INDEP. | MINUS | | | = | | x \$25.00 = \$ | | x \$50.00 = \$ | |
| | MINUS | | | = | | x \$100.00 = \$ | | x \$200.00 = \$ | |
| | — FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM | | | | | + \$180.00 = \$ | | + \$360.00 = \$ | |
| | | | | | | TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$ | OR | TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$ | |

(a) No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

(b) Total additional fee for claims required \$ _____

FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$ _____

Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$ _____.
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

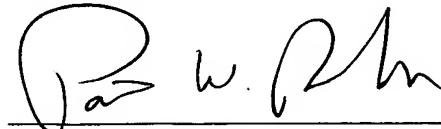
FEE DEFICIENCY

6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

7. Other:



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